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1. AMBASSADOR INVITED TO STATE HOUSE SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 9 FOR GENERAL REVIEW OF LUSAKA MEETING BETWEEN PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES AND FRELIMO LEADER SAMORA MACHEL (SEPTTEL). AT CONCLUSION PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT MARK CHONA APPEALED URGENTLY FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN ASSESSING SAG VIEWS ON EVOLVING SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. SAID POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR ECONOMIC RAPPROACHMENT BETWEEN FREE, MULTI-RACIAL MOZAMBIQUE ("LIKE ZAMBIA") AND SOUTH AFRICA AND FELT IT WOULD BE IN INTERESTS OF BOTH TO PLAN NOW FOR SOME FUTURE RELATIONSHIP. SAID ZAMBIA HAD SUBSTANTIAL SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENT (ANGOL AMERICAN COPPER AND OTHER MINING INTERESTS) AS MAINSTAY ITS ECONOMY AND SAW NO RPT NO REASON, NOR DID SAMORA MACHEL, WHY SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS NOT POSSIBLE FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE, BOTH AS REGARDS SOUTH AFRICAN AND OTHER
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FOREIGN INVESTMENTS.

3. AMBASSADOR RECALLED PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S RECENT PRESS STATEMENT (REFTEL) INDICATING SAG SEEMED TO WANT STABLE NEIGHBORS WITH RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER REGARDLESS OF COLOR. ASSUMED SAG RECOGNIZED MUTUAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF CONTINUING JOINT COOPERATION (E.G. CABORA BASSA DAM, MOZAMBIKAN PORTS, OTHER), AND AT PROPER TIME ANY NEW MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS FULL RANGE OF POSSIBLE JOINT EFFORTS. CHONA SAID SAMORA DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT FREE MOZAMBIQUE'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND FUTURE AND SUGGESTED THIS COULD BE ON AGENDA IN NEXT ROUND OF TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE IN LUSAKA IN EARLY JULY.

4. CHONA AGAIN ASKED IF USG COULD PROVIDE GRZ WITH DISCREET APPRECIATION OF SAG VIEWS. SUGGESTION STRONG THAT FRELIMO LEADER UNSURE OF SAG POSITION AND SEEKING VERIFICATION THROUGH CREDIBLE SOURCES. AMBASSADOR SAID SHE WOULD RAISE QUESTION TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

5. COMMENT: WHILE SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL IDEALLY SUITED AS BASE FOR PARAPHRASE REPLY WE DID NOT FEEL AT LIBERTY TO SHARE DETAILS OF THIS INFORMATION OR SPELL OUT SAG VIEWS FOR OBVIOUS PASSING BY GRZ TO FRELIMO WITHOUT OPPORTUNITY FOR EMBASSY PRETORIA TO DETERMINE -- IF IT AGREEABLE -- WHETHER SAG WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS. IN FACT, WE SEE ADVANTAGES IN SUCH ACTION AS CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT SAG HAVE PRELIMINARY SIGNAL AS WELL AS INDIRECT ASSURANCE THAT SAMORA'S VIEWS APPEAR IN GENERAL LINE WITH THOSE OF SAG.

6. ON DEPARTING LUSAKA AIRPORT AND IN ANSWER TO PRESS INQUIRY, SAMORA SAID MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER (LUSAKA 1158). HOWEVER, CHONA TOLD AMBASSADOR SAMORA NOT PREPARED DO SO AT THIS TIME . PRESUMABLY HE WOULD RESERVE ACTION FOR AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

7. WE APPRECIATE CERTAIN RISK INVOLVED IF SAG GAINS IMPRESSION USG IS IN CONTACT WITH FRELIMO POLICY LEVEL, FACILITATING EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, AND THEREBY ENDORSING CONFIDENTIAL

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FRELIMO AND ENHANCING ITS RESPECTABILITY. WE NEITHER AUTHORIZED SUCH CONTACT NOR HAVE WE ANY SUCH INTENTIONS. BUT IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SAG AND GRZ (WITH LATTER PLAYING MODERATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN HELPING FRELIMO ON WAY TO INDEPENDENCE) WE FEEL SOME EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION USEFUL FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND IN GENERAL INTERESTS OF SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

8. ANOTHER REASON WHY WE ARE PUTTING QUESTION TO EMBASSY
PRETORIA FOR RAISING WITH SAG, IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,
IS OUR ASSUMPTION THAT IT WILL BE PASSED ON TO FRELIMO,
WHICH LIKE OTHER LIBERATION GROUPS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS
PROBABLY SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATED BY BOSS. FACT WE
PASSING ON PRIVILEGED SAG INFORMATION TO GRZ
WOULD SURELY GET BACK TO SAG.
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